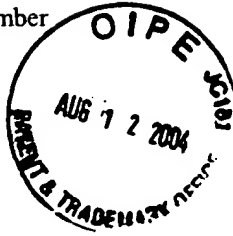


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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 27 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (*Ref. No. 23632-002*).



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time (2 months, in duplicate);
2. Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111; and
3. Check in the amount of \$210.00.

Our check for \$210.00 is enclosed covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent and Trademark Office charges, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account 50-0311, Reference No. 23632-002. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 464-4800.

Dated: August 12, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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